(e) the relative progress in this field, in India and other Asian countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education, 1986 as updated in 1992 postulates that it shall be ensured that free and compulsory education of satisfactory quality is provided to all children upto 14 years of age before we enter the twenty-first century.

(c) and (d) State-wise rate of literacy in the country based on 1991 census as also the proportion of budget allocation for education in States is available in the Annual Report of the Department.

(e) India's budgeted expenditure on education as percentage of Gross National Product compares favourable with many developing countries is Asia.

Transfer of Bhopal Gas Victim KVS empolyees

4107. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers of Bhopal have been certified as Bhopal MIC Gas Victims with different degrees of disablement;

(b) if so, the details thereof category-wise;

(c) whether competent authority has opined in some cases that their stay at Bhopal was must for proper treatment and investigation, but Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has not cancelled their transfers to places out side Bhopal; and

(d) if so, the details and rationale thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan does not have any record of the employees who have been certified as victims of MIC Gas Tragedy of Bhopal. However, recently in the case of a teacher, who was posted out of Bhopal and claimed to be a victim of MIC Gas Tragedy, the Assistant Commissioner of Bhopal Region has been advised to transfer that teachers back to Bhopal.

Workshop on Human Rights Education

4108. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a workshop on human rights education was organised in March, 1995 by the People's Union for Civil Liberties;

(b) if so, the details thereof with background;

(c) whether some suggestions were made in the workshop;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to take some steps to implement these suggestions; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) A Workshop on "Human Rights Education" was organised in New Delhi on 11th March,

1995 by the People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL), with the support of the National Human Rights Commission. Members of various civil liberties groups, academics, educationists, etc., participated in the discussions.

(c) and (d) The Workshop made important suggestions regarding imparting of Human Rights Education through both formal and non-formal education at all levels and for training of teachers.

(e) and (f) The National Council of Educational Research and Training and the University Grants Commission are already working for the inclusion of human rights education at the school and higher levels respectively.

Irregularities in National Library Culcutta

4109. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any action on the Report of Prof. Satish Chandra on the irregularities in National Library, Calcutta in 1993-94, if so the details thereof;

(b) whether any former employees of I.I.T. Kharagpur who later joined National Library, Calcutta were involved in these irregularities;

(c) whether Government propose to take into consideration the enquiry Committee Report of 1993 of I.I.T. Kharagpur while taking any action against such former employees; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The High Powered Committee set up to look into the short-term and long-term aspects of the functioning of the National Library under the Chairmanship of Prof. Satish Chandra is yet to submit its Report.

(b) to (d) An enquiry is being conducted by the I.I.T. Kharagpur.

Reservation of OBCs in JNU

4110. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether student belonging to the Other Backward Classes will be provided some reservation in admission to the Jawaharlal Nehru University with effect from the forthcoming academic session;

(b) if so, the details thereof with eligibilities and formalities required for such students;

(c) whether similar essentialities will also be observed by other Universities of country from next academic session; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMAR SELJA): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by Ministry of Welfare, no policy decision has been taken so far to provide for reservation for students belonging to Other Backward Classes in admission in education institutions. However, Jawaharlal Nehru University has decided to provide concession upto 10 points for OBC women and 5 points for OBC men candidates on production of relevant certificates issued by the competent authority. The concession would not be extended to those OBC Candidates whose parents|guardians are income tax payers and|or are included in creamy layers.

(c) and (d) As regards reservation|concession to OBSs for admission in other